Website Hacking

203. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government websites that were hacked by Pakistani nationals during the past five years;

(b) what action the Cyber Police has taken against those Pakistani nationals who hack into various Government websites as reported in the past; and

(c) the efforts Government are making to prevent hacking of Information and vital data from databases of key Indian websites?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) As per the available information, about twenty-seven websites were reportedly hacked wherein the post-hacking contents were indicative of web attack by Pakistani nationals/pro-Pakistani individuals. However, it is not possible to establish the identity of the hacker conclusively.

(b) Cyber Police is not a standard/established concept/institution.

(c) Network system administrator of every website takes precautionary measure of installing a Firewall and other commercially available network security products for this purpose.

Computer/E-mail facilities in Post Offices of Rajasthan

204. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether basic internet facilities like computers and e-mail have been made available in Post Offices of the rural belts of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) if not, what efforts Government are making to provide these facilities to the rural belt of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) No, Sir. Computers and e-mail facilities have not been currently made available in post offices of the rural belts of Rajasthan.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Keeping in view the resources available, and the need for optimal utilisation of computers, every effort is being made to extend such facilities, in a phased manner, in all important post offices including those located in the rural areas of Rajasthan.

Dispute over telephone rates

†205. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a dispute over telephone call rates has come up between public and private companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are unable to provide cheap telephone call rates under pressure from private companies; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Public and private companies charge the subscribers for telephone call rates within the framework prescribed by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India under Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

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